

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Kropf et al.  
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For : Prosthesis for Replacing the Surface Area of the Ball of Ball-and-Socket Joints  
Group Art Unit : 3738  
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Examiner : Megan Yarnall Wolf

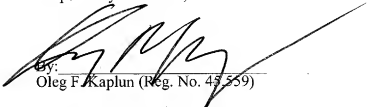
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**TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith please find an Amendment under Rule 116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 29, 2008, an executed Power of Attorney, a Change of Correspondence Address and a Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) for filing with the USPTO in the above-identified application. Since the Amendment is being filed within two months of the Final Office Action mailing date, Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO's response be issued before the expiration of the three month period of the Final Office Action mailing date (i.e., by December 29, 2008). No fees are believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to the Deposit Account of **Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492**.

Respectfully submitted,

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